

Parsing

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Overview of the NLP Lectures

- Introduction to natural language processing (NLP).
- Regular expressions, sentence splitting, tokenization, part-of-speech tagging.
- Language model
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- Vector semantics.
- Parsing.
 - Dependency parsing.
- Semantics.

Relation Extraction

- Find *worksFor*(*entity_a*, *entity_b*) relation from text.

Mark has worked for Telstra.

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John works for Facebook.

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Mark Zuckerberg said he would have worked for Microsoft.

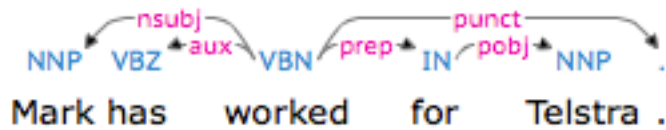
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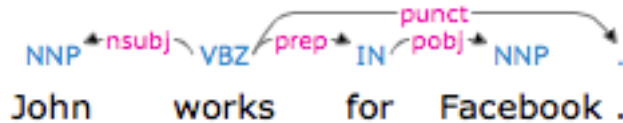
Christina asks why it is better to work at Facebook than Google.

Use Shortest Paths between Entity Mentions



(Mark, Telstra)

<-nsubj-prep->pobj->



(John, Facebook)

<-nsubj-prep->pobj->

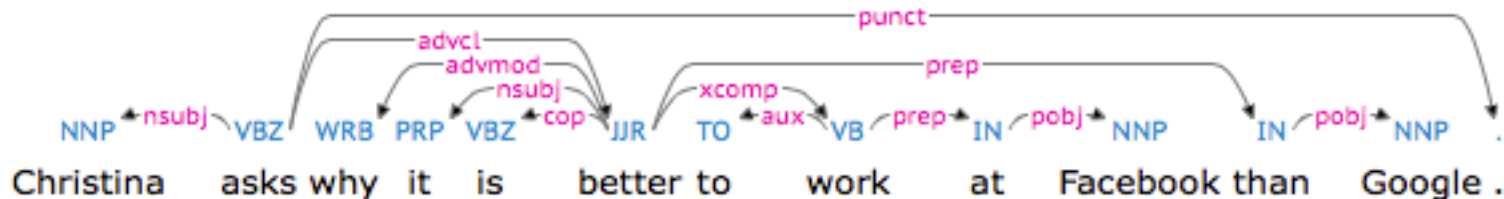
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(Zuckerberg, Microsoft)

<-nsubj-ccomp->pre



(Christina, Google)

<-nsubj-advcl->prep->pobj->

Dependency Grammar

- Syntactic structure consists of **lexical items**, linked by binary asymmetric relations called **dependencies**.

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- head → dep
 - head (governor): grammatic important.
 - dependent (modifier): modifier, object, or complement.

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Dependency Trees

- Without labels.

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- With labels. <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>
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Dependency Parsing

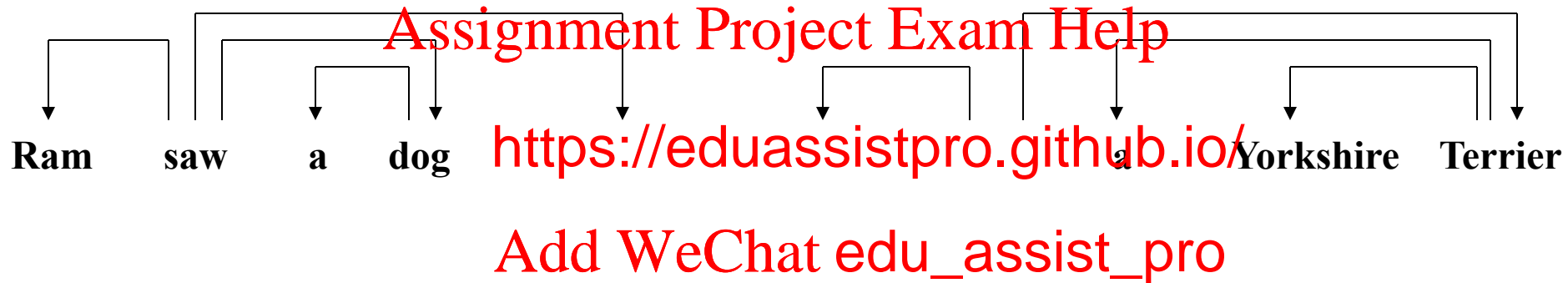
- Formal definition for unlabeled dependency trees:

Dependency graph $D = (V, E)$ where

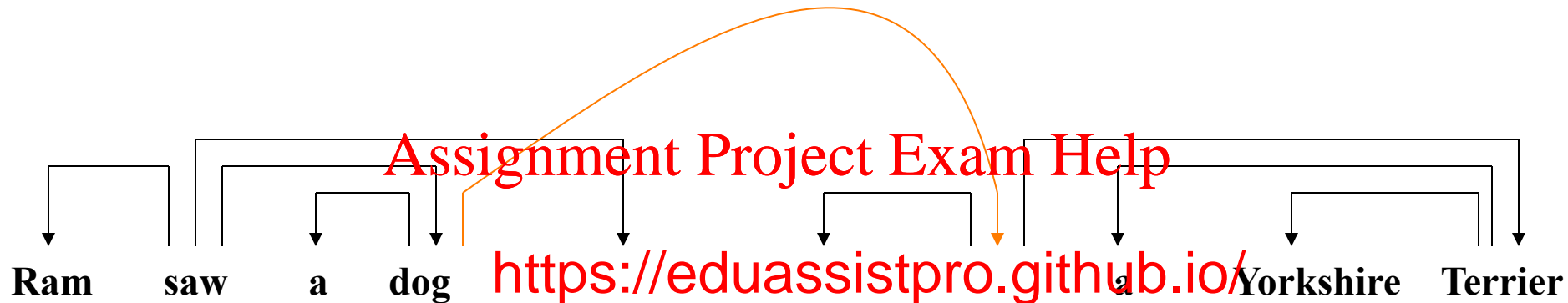
- V is the set of nodes (words in an input sequence)
- E is the set of arcs indicating dependencies
- $v_i \rightarrow v_j$ or $(v_i, v_j) \in E$ denotes an arc from v_i to dependent v_j .

- **Dependency parsing:** task of mapping an input string to a dependency graph satisfying **certain conditions**.

Projective Dependency Tree



Non-Projective Dependency Tree



Crossing lines!

English has very few non-projective cases.

Well-Formedness

- A dependency graph is **well-formed** iff
 - **Single head**: Each word has only one head.
 - **Acyclic**: The graph should be acyclic.
 - **Connected**: There is a path between every pair of nodes.
 - **Projective**: iif an edge from word A to word B implies that there exists a directed path in the graph from A to every word between A and B in the sentences.

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Parsing Algorithms

- Graph-based parsing
 - CYK, Eisner, McDonald

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- Transition-based parsing
 - Covington, Yamada and Matre etc.

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Nivre's Algorithm (Arc-eager) [3]

- Transition-based.
- Parser configuration $\langle S, I, A \rangle$:
 - S is the stack. $S[0]$ is the topmost node.
 - I is the list of remaining words. $I[0]$ is the leftmost word.
 - A is the set of current dependencies (arcs) forming a dependency graph.
- INPUT: a word sequence $\mathbf{v} = v_1 | \dots | v_n$, a set of rules R .

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Parser Transitions

Left-Arc (LA) $\langle v_i | S, v_j | I, A \rangle \Rightarrow \langle S, v_j | I, A \cup \{(v_j, v_i)\} \rangle$ $v_i \leftarrow v_j \in R$
 $\nexists v_k (v_k, v_i) \in A$

single head

Right-Arc (RA) $\langle v_i | S, v_j | I, A \rangle \Rightarrow \langle v_j | S, v_i | I, A \cup \{(v_i, v_j)\} \rangle$ $v_i \rightarrow v_j \in R$
 $\nexists v_k (v_k, v_j) \in A$

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Reduce (R) $\langle v_i | S, I, A \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \rangle$ $\exists (v_k, v_i) \in A$

Shift (S) $\langle S, v_j | I, A \rangle \Rightarrow \langle v_j | S, I, A \rangle$

Parsing Details

- Slight modifications:
 - Each dependency graph has an artificial root in order to form a tree.
 - Parsing starts with an initial configuration $\langle [ROOT], n, \emptyset \rangle$ and terminates when it reaches $\langle [ROOT], nil, A \rangle$ through a sequence of transitions.
- Nondeterministic transitions?
 - Priority ordering of transition
 - $LA > RA >$
if $S[0]$ can be a transitive head of $I[0]$, then **Shift**, otherwise **Reduce**.
 - Guided parsing.

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Grammatical Rules for the Example

$Noun \rightarrow Adj$

$ROOT \rightarrow Verb$

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$figure \rightarrow on$

$on \rightarrow screen$

Example

ROOT

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ROOT [Red figure <https://eduassistpro.github.io/> falling stocks]
I

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Example

$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{red} \\ \text{ROOT} \end{array} \right)$

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ROOT

Red

$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{figure} \text{ } \text{https://eduassistpro.github.io/} \text{ } \text{falling} \text{ } \text{stocks} \end{array} \right)$
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Shift

Example

[
ROOT
]

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ROOT

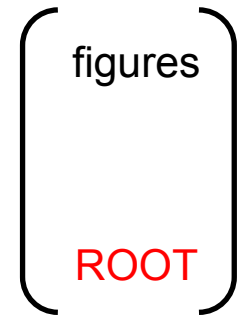
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Left-arc

Example



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Shift

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Right-arc

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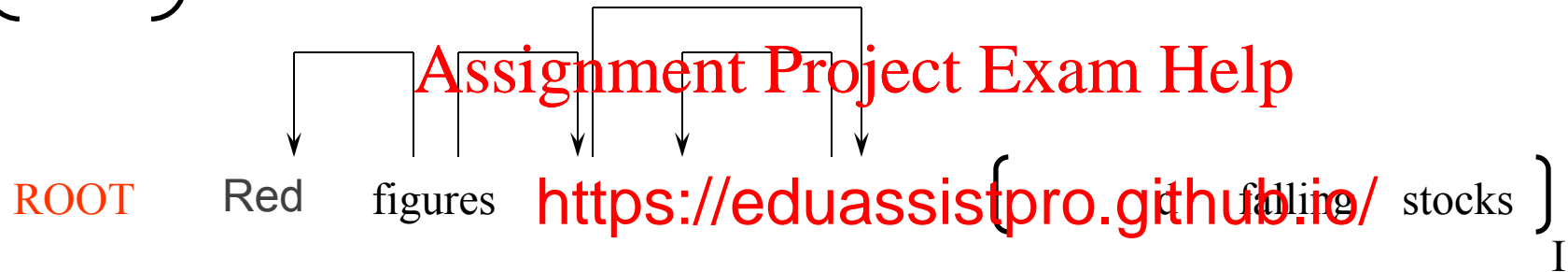
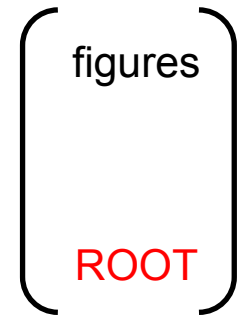
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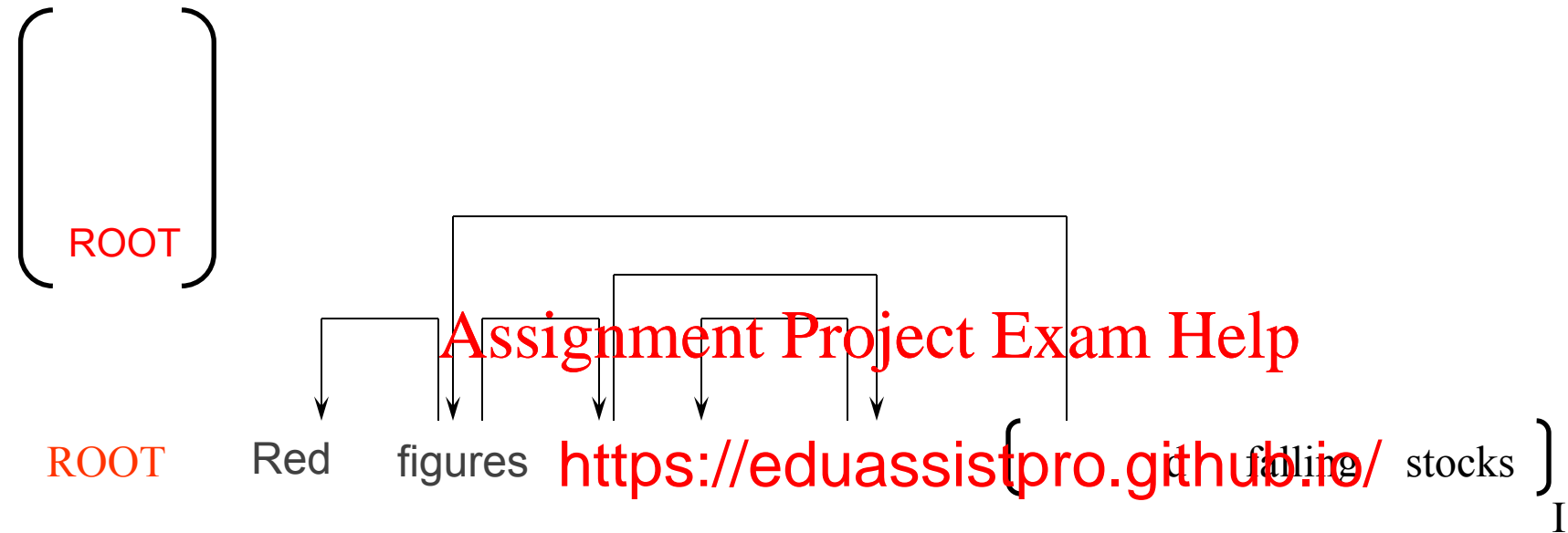
Reduce

Example



Reduce

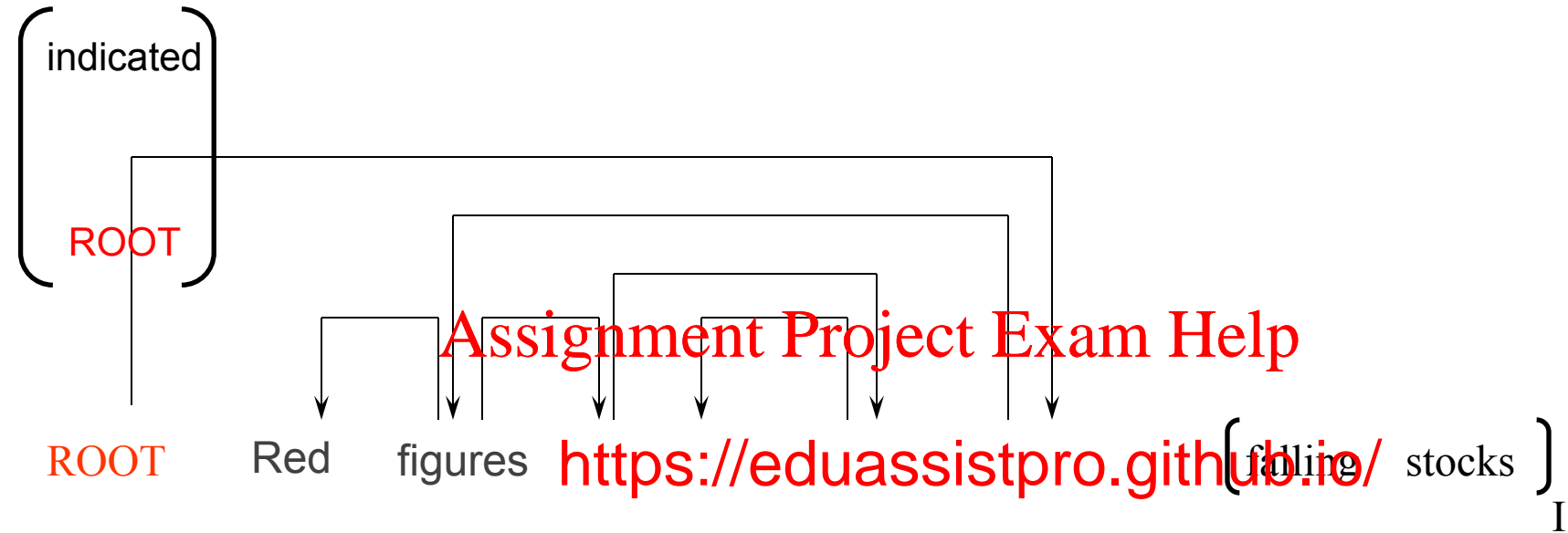
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Left-arc

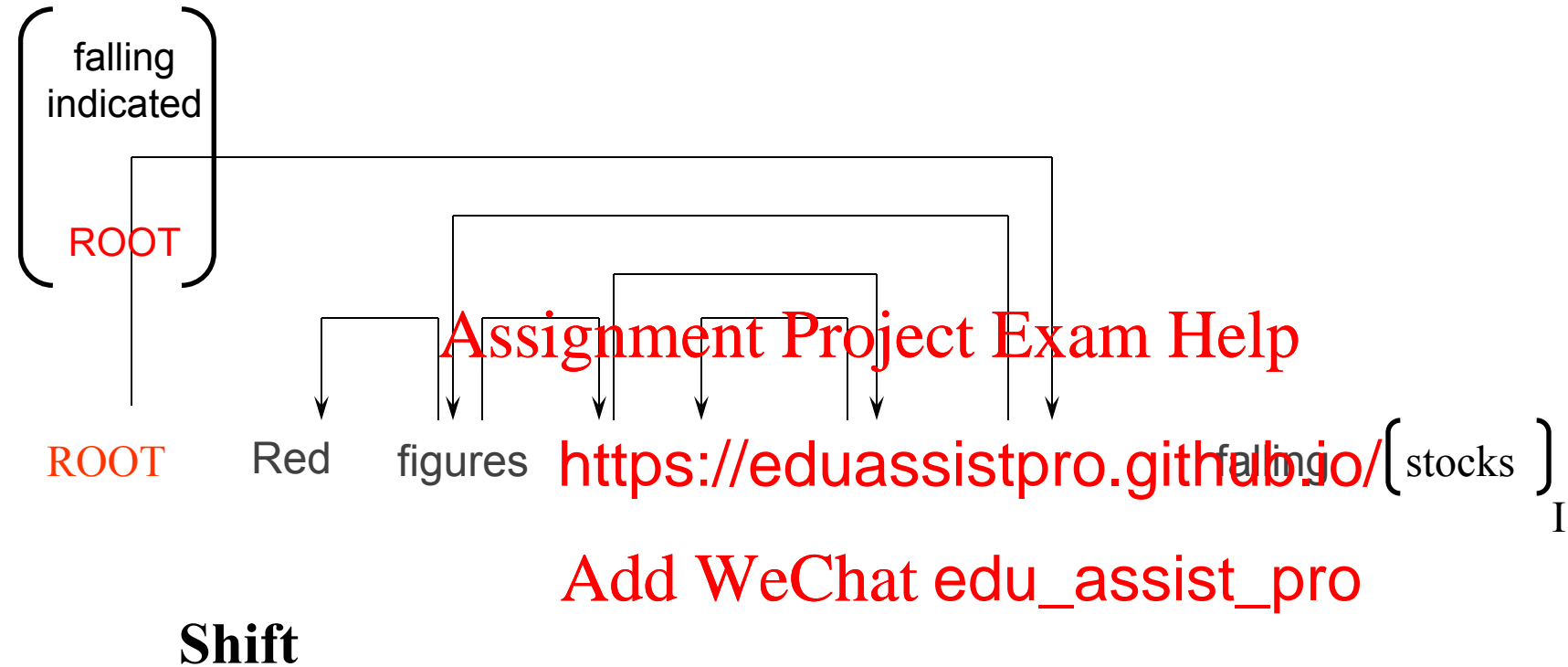
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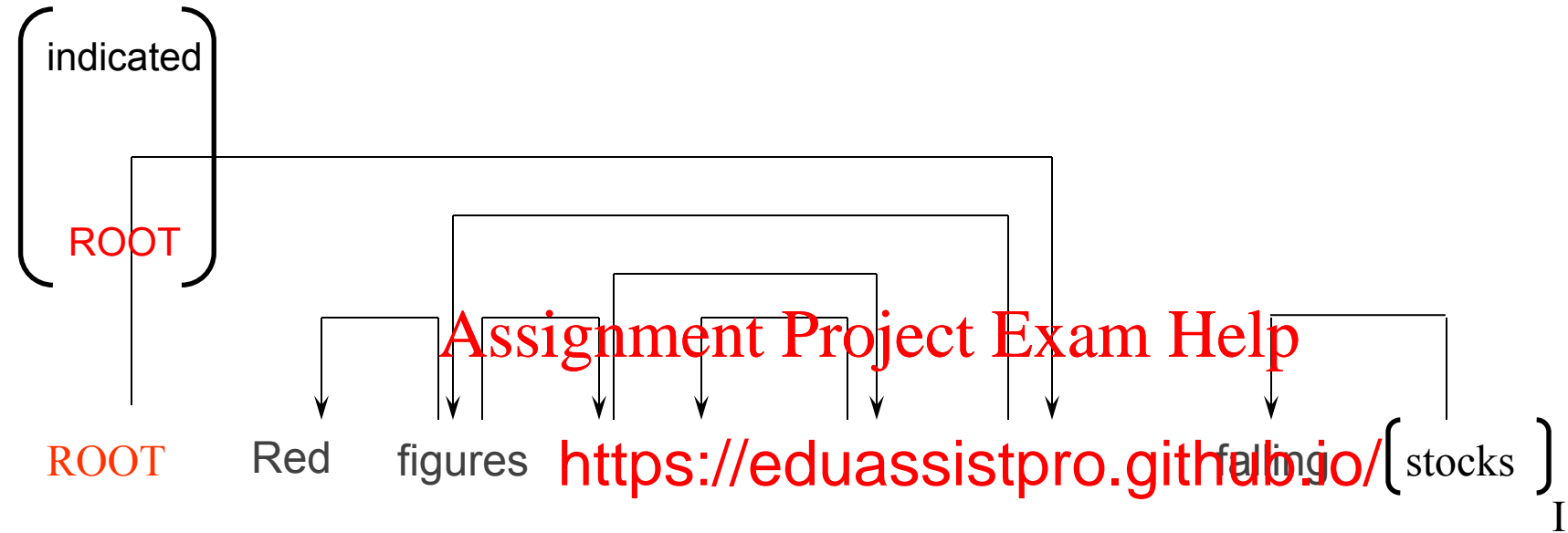


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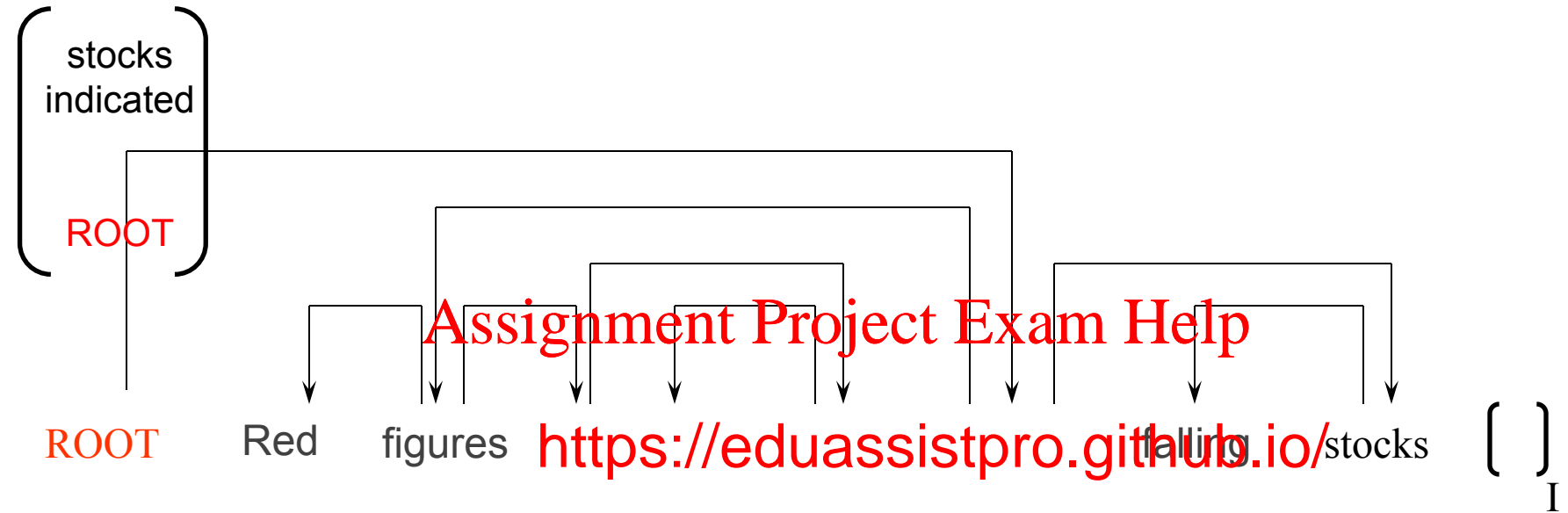
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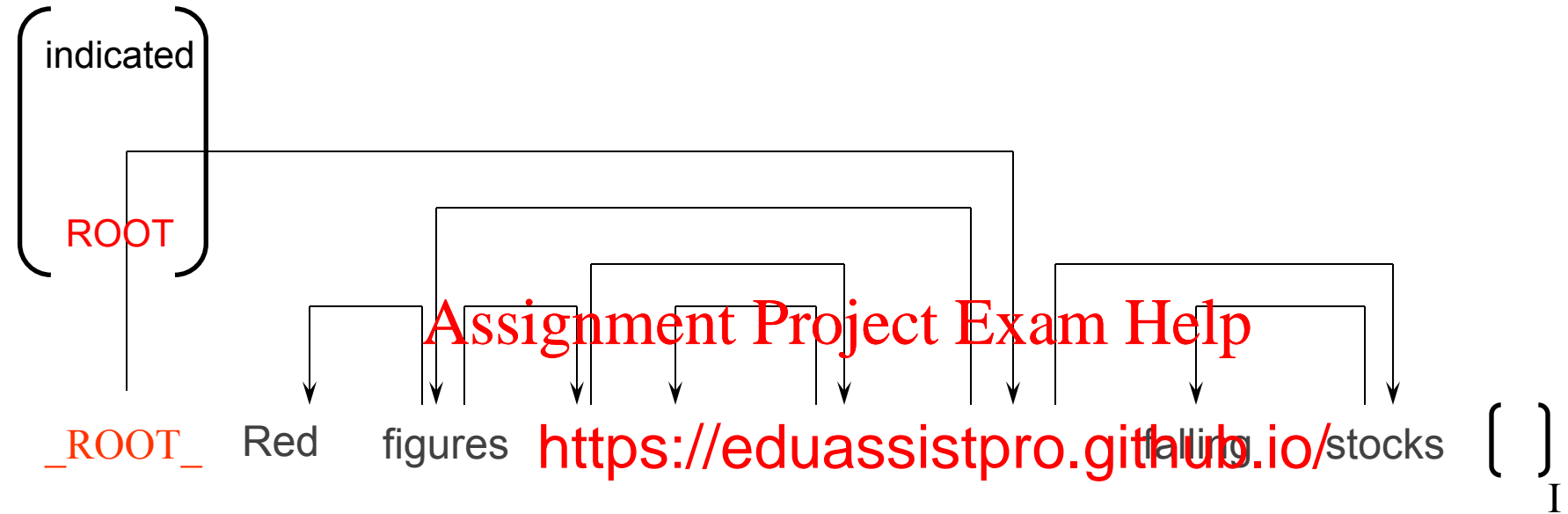
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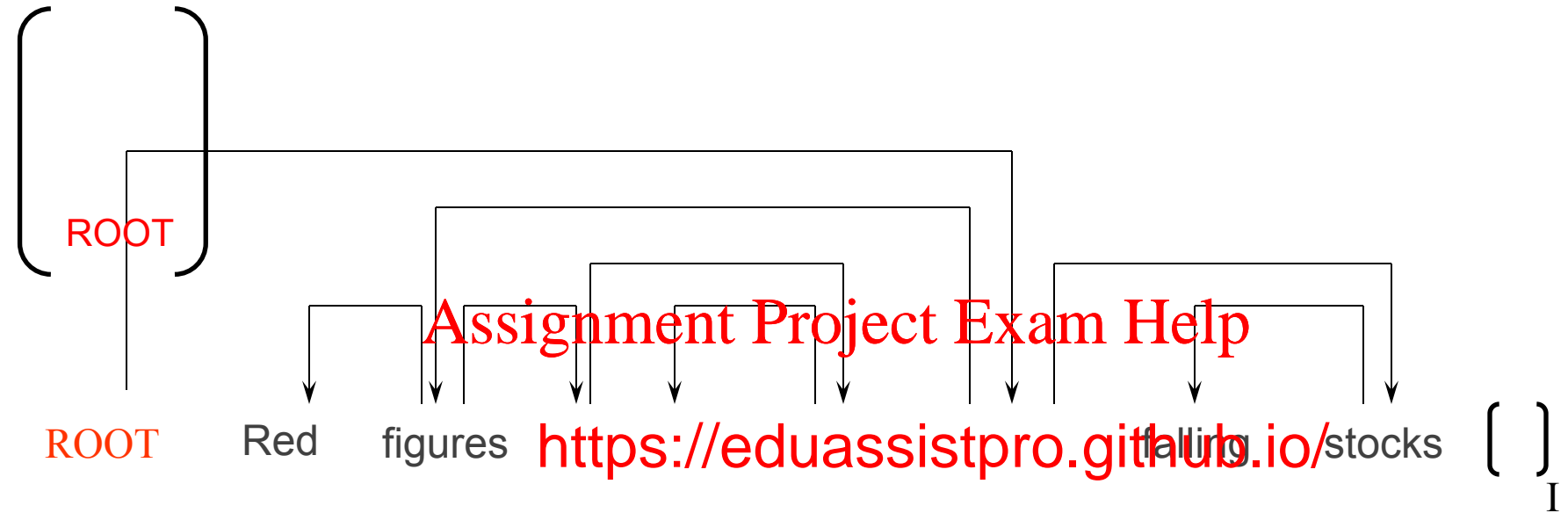
Right-arc

Example



Reduce

Example



Reduce

Configurations of the Example

S <ROOT, Red figures on the screen indicated falling stocks, \emptyset >
LA <Red ROOT, figures on the screen indicated falling stocks, \emptyset >
S <ROOT, figures on the screen indicated falling stocks, {(figures, Red)}>
RA <figures ROOT, on the screen indicated falling stocks, {(figures, Red)}>
S <on figures ROOT, the screen indicated falling stocks, {(figures, Red), (figures, on)}>
LA <the on figures ROOT, screen indicated falling stocks, {(figures, Red), (figures, on)}>
RA <on figures ROOT, screen indicated falling stocks, {(figures, Red), (figures, on), (screen the)}>
S <screen on figures ROOT, indicated falling stocks, {(figures, Red), (figures, on), (screen, the), (on, screen)}>
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RA <indicated ROOT, falling stocks, {(figures, Red), (figures, on), (screen, the), (on, screen), (indicated, figures), (ROOT, indicated)}>
S <falling indicated ROOT, stocks, {(figures, Red), (figures, on), (screen, the), (on, screen), (indicated, figures), (ROOT, indicated)}>
LA <indicated ROOT, stocks, {(figures, Red), (figures, on), (screen, the), (on, screen), (indicated, figures), (ROOT, indicated), (stocks, falling)}>
RA <stocks indicated ROOT, nil, {(figures, Red), (figures, on), (screen, the), (on, screen), (indicated, figures), (ROOT, indicated), (stocks, falling), (indicated, stocks)}>
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Properties of Nivre's Algorithm

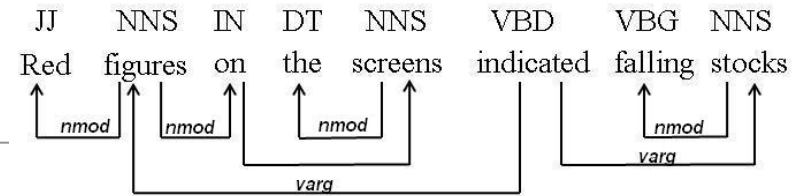
- $O(n)$: Linear time complexity.

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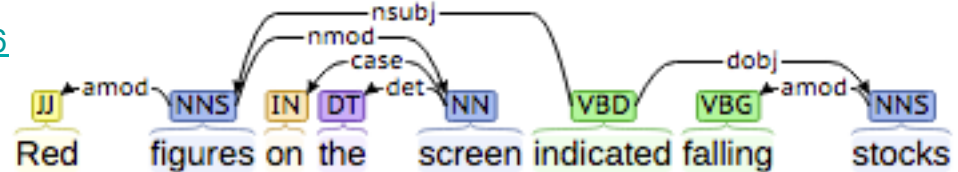
- Full dependency graphs are available. Add WeChat [edu_assist_pro](#) ed.

Dependency Corpora



- CoNLL dependencies.

- <http://www.aclweb.org/anthology/D07-1096>



- Stanford typed dependencies.

- http://nlp.stanford.edu/software/dependencies_manual.pdf

- Universal dep

- <http://universaldependencies.org/>

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Guided Parsing [6]

- Train a classifier to predict parse transitions!
 - $f : configuration \rightarrow \{LA, RA, R, S\} \times (A \cup \{\text{nil}\})$
 - A is a set of typed dependencies (arcs).

- Feature spac

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Arc Standard

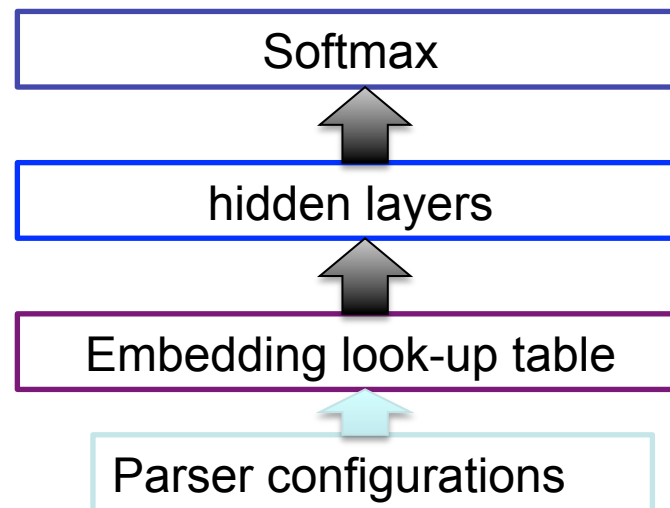
- Three parse actions.

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Shift (S) $A \Rightarrow \langle v_j | S, I, A \rangle$

- Neural networks for action [9].



Off-the-Shelf Dependency Parsers

- MaltParser (<http://www.maltparser.org/>)
- SyntaxNet (<https://github.com/tensorflow/models/tree/master/research/syntaxnet>)

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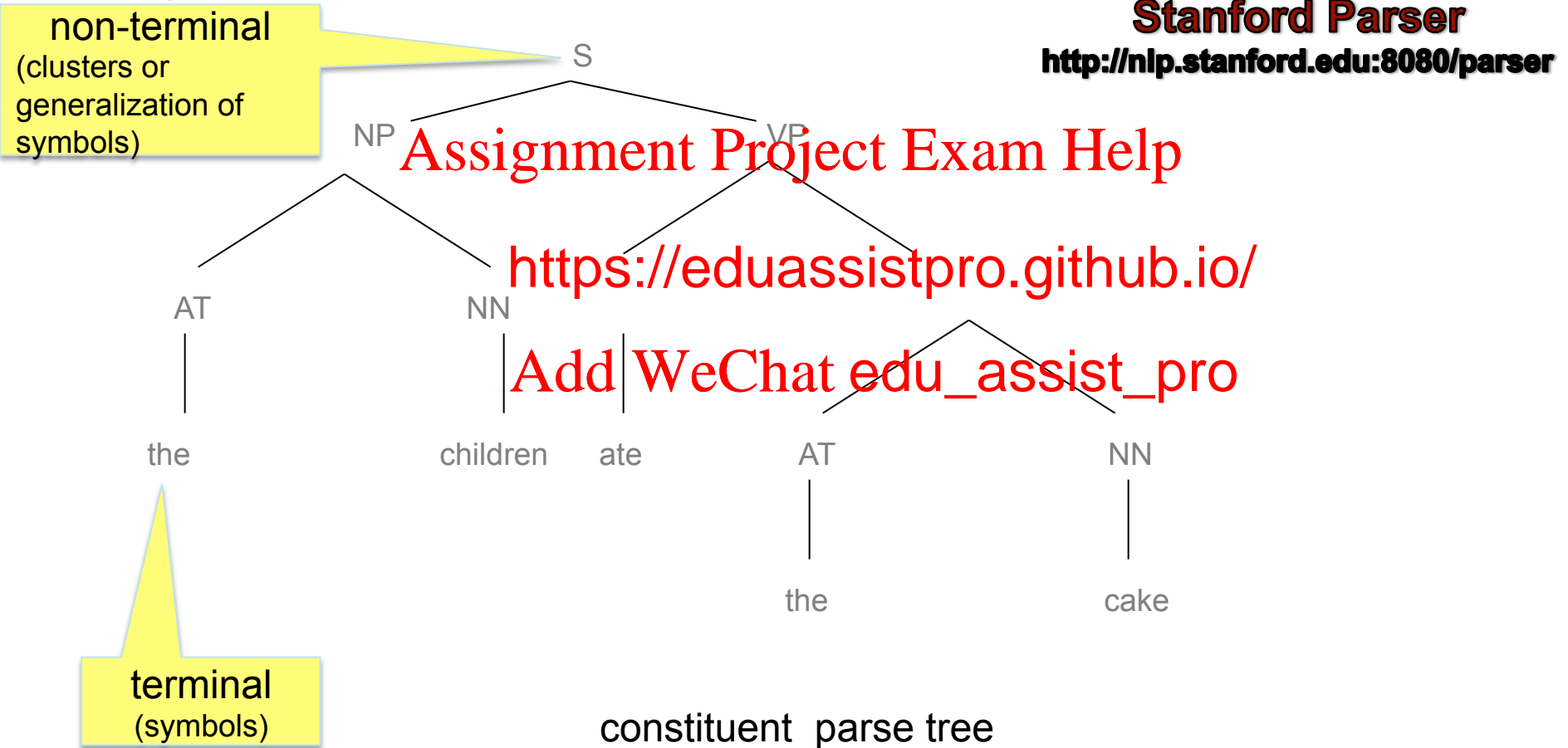
- Stanford parse [arser.shtml](#))
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- TurboParser (<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~ark/TurboParser/>)
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- Vector semantics.
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- Parsing.
 - Dependency parsing.
 - Constituency parsing.
- Compositional semantics and NLP applications.

Constituency Parsing

- Deeper understanding of word groups and their grammatical relationships.



Constituency

- Constituent: a word or a group of words that behaves as a single unit.
- Why do these words group together?
 - Appear in similar contexts.

three parties from

Drunk driver *fled* ...

they *sit* ...

from arrive ...

the *fled* ...

as *sit* ...



- Preposed or postposed construction.

On August 30th, I'd like to fly from Canberra to Sydney.

I'd like to fly on August 30th from Canberra to Sydney.

I'd like to fly from Canberra to Sydney on August 30th.

Context-Free Grammars (CFGs)

- A context free grammar consists of
 - a set of context-free rules, each of which expresses the ways that symbols of the language can be grouped and ordered together.

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- a lexicon of words and symbols

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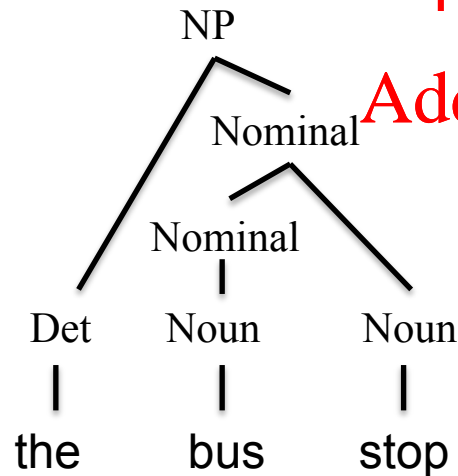
Derivations

- The sequence of rule expansions is called a **derivation** of the string of words.
 - parse tree.
 - bracketed notation.

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$[NP [Det \text{the}][Nom [Nom [Noun \text{bus}]]][Noun \text{stop}]]$

A Toy Example

Noun → bus
Noun → stop
Det → the | a | an

Nominal → Noun
NP → Det Nominal
Nominal → Noun | Nominal Noun

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the bus stop

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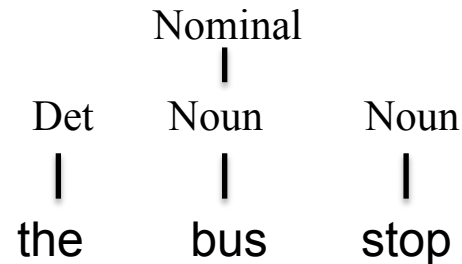
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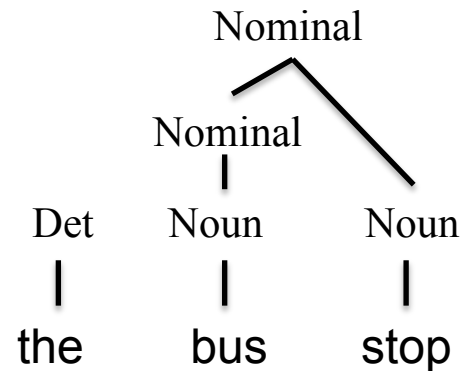
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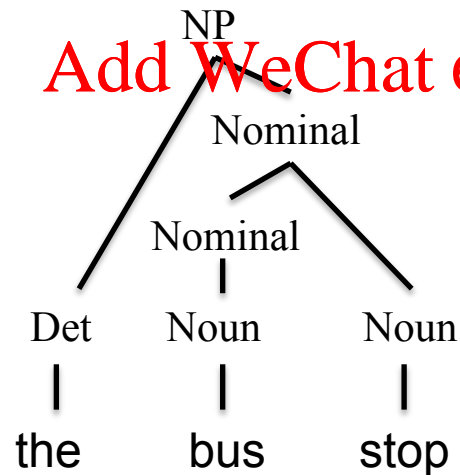
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Formal Definition of CFG

- A context-free grammar $G = (N, \Sigma, R, S)$.
 - N is a set of non-terminals.
 - Σ is a set of terminal symbols, $N \cap \Sigma = \emptyset$.
 - R is a set of rules (productions), each of the form $A \rightarrow B$, where A is a single symbol from N and B is a string of symbols from $N \cup \Sigma$.
 - S is a designated start symbol.

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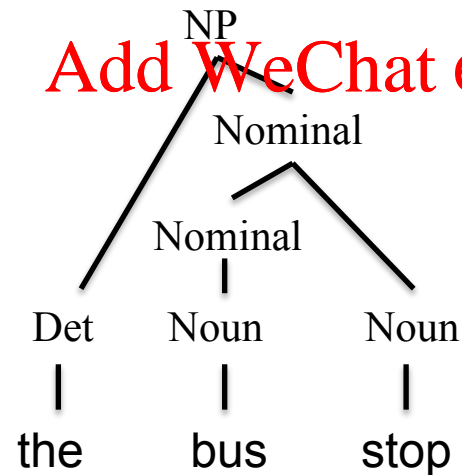
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Ambiguity of Parsing

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Probabilistic context-free grammar (PCFG)

- A parameter to each grammar rule [3].

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$$p_G(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n q(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$$

rule parameter

$$\arg \max_{t \in T_G} p_G(t)$$

find the most likely parse tree. T is set of all possible trees.

Learning PCFG from Treebanks

- Penn treebank and English Web treebank.

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Maximum-Likelihood estimation: $q^*(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) = \frac{\text{Count}(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)}{\text{Count}(\alpha)}$

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Grammar Equivalence

- Two grammars are **equivalent** if they generate the same language (set of strings) .
- Chomsky Normal Form (CNF).
 - Allow only two types of rules. The right-hand side of each rule either has two non-terminals or one terminal, except $S \rightarrow \varepsilon$

$$A \rightarrow B a D$$

$$C \rightarrow \varepsilon$$

$$E \rightarrow A$$

where $A, B, C, D, E \in N$ and $a \in \Sigma$

unit production

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$$F \rightarrow B G$$

$$E \rightarrow a$$

where $B, D, E, F, G \in N$ and $a \in \Sigma$



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- Every context-free grammar can be transformed into an equivalent one in CNF.

Dependency Structures vs. Phrase Structures

- Dependency structures explicitly represent
 - Head-dependent relations (**directed arcs**).
 - Functional categories (**arc labels**).
 - predicate-argument structure.
- Dependency of word order.
 - Suitable for f <https://eduassistpro.github.io/> such as Indian languages.
- Phrase structures explicitly represent
 - Phrases (**non-terminal nodes**).
 - Structural categories (**non-terminal labels**).
 - Fragments are directly **interpretable**.

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Available Constituency Parsers

- Stanford parser.
 - <http://nlp.stanford.edu/software/srparser.shtml>
- Charniak-Johnson parser.
 - <http://web.science.mq.edu.au/~mjohnson/Software.htm>
- Charniak par
 - <ftp://ftp.cs.brown.edu/pub/nlp>

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